



# The University of North Dakota Freshman

## UND Freshmen vs. National **Fall 2005**

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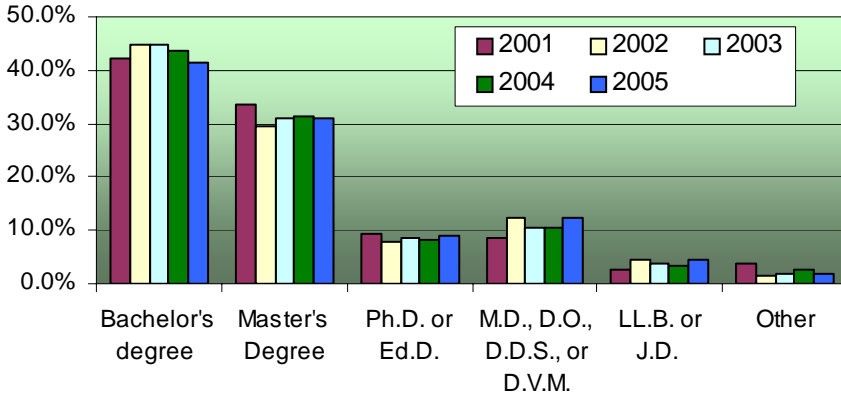
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

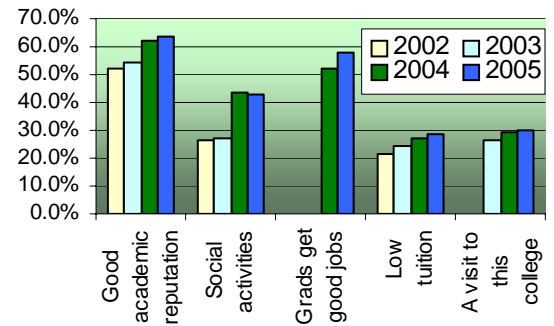
- The number of new freshmen enrolled at the University of North Dakota in the Fall Semester of 2005 totaled 1,884. While participating in “Getting Started” during the summer of 2005, 1,279 students (67.9%) completed the 40-item Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) New Freshmen Survey along with the additional 18-item supplemental questions.
- Of the 1,279 respondents, 685 male students (53.6%) and 594 female students (46.4%) were represented. The majority of the respondents to the 2005 CIRP New Freshman Survey were eighteen years old (54.8%), white (96.5%), and graduated from high school in 2005 (97.8%).
- Over half (53.0%) of UND new freshmen reported A+, A, or A- as their average grade in high school. This changes the decreasing trend from the past few years and brings us closer to our national counterparts (54.8%).
- The majority (86.6%) of UND new freshmen plan to live in a college dormitory. A large percentage of UND new freshmen report having some concern about their ability to finance their college education (61.5%).
- Compared to their national counterparts, UND freshmen appear to be more confident than their national counterparts in areas of Physical Health (UND 63.5%; National 57.6%), Emotional Health (UND 60.4%; National 57.4%), Computer Skills (UND 43.2%; National 41.5%), Religiousness (UND 31.6%; National 30.6%), and Leadership Ability (UND 63.2%; National 63.0%).
- Over two-thirds (66.4%) of the UND new freshmen plan *to graduate from UND in four years*, 23.0% plan *to graduate from UND in more than four years*, while 4.4% plan *to transfer elsewhere before graduating from UND*.
- The top three objectives considered to be essential or very important for UND new freshmen were
  - *raising a family* (78.7% UND; 75.0% National),
  - *being very well off financially* (77.3% UND; 75.6% National),
  - *helping others who are in difficulty* (60.1% UND; 65.1% National).
- The top five reasons noted as very important in the 2005 UND new freshmen deciding to go to college were
  - *to be able to get a better job* (78.2% UND; 72.6% National),
  - *to get training for a specific career* (77.3% UND; 68.7% National),
  - *to be able to make more money* (77.0% UND; 71.9% National),
  - *to learn more about things that interest me* (73.4% UND; 78.8% National),
  - *to gain a general education and appreciation of ideas* (56.4% UND; 66.0% National).
- The top three reasons *influencing student’s decision to attend this particular college* were
  - *this college has a very good academic reputation* (63.8% UND; 60.3% National),
  - *this college’s graduates get good jobs* (UND 57.7%; National 51.8%),
  - *this college has a good reputation for its social activities* (43.0% UND; 34.6% National).
- Only 11% of the respondents did not access UND’s Website to gain information and 24.2% visited the website more than six times.
- Over a third (39.6%) of the UND new freshmen would want employment in North Dakota after graduation, 15.7% would not, and 44.7% reported being unsure.

ASPIRATIONS TOWARDS ADVANCED DEGREES



TOP FIVE REASONS FOR ATTENDING UND

(All Beginning Freshmen)

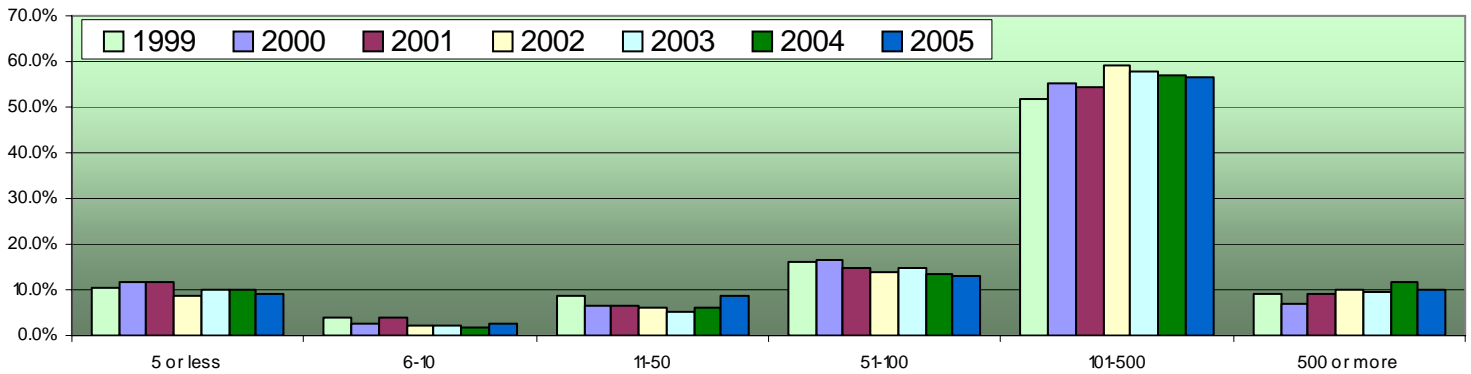


REASONS FOR ATTENDING COLLEGE and FOR SELECTING UND

Percent Indicating as Very Important

	2003		2004		2005	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Reasons for Attending College</b>						
To get training for a specific career	76.8%	82.7%	77.6%	86.4%	73.7%	81.4%
To be able to get a better job	81.7%	79.3%	77.5%	75.8%	80.3%	75.8%
To be able to make more money	80.0%	70.7%	75.6%	72.5%	79.9%	73.8%
To learn more about things that interest me	70.2%	77.3%	67.6%	77.9%	70.0%	77.2%
<b>Reasons for Selecting UND</b>						
Good academic reputation	51.2%	57.0%	56.8%	68.0%	58.9%	69.4%
UND graduates get good jobs			49.9%	55.5%	53.0%	63.0%
Good reputation for its social activities	25.5%	29.3%	37.6%	50.9%	37.0%	49.8%
Low tuition	22.6%	26.0%	25.9%	29.3%	25.0%	32.8%
A visit to the campus	26.2%	26.2%	27.1%	32.0%	28.2%	31.8%
Offered financial assistance	14.7%	25.1%	15.7%	23.3%	15.8%	20.4%

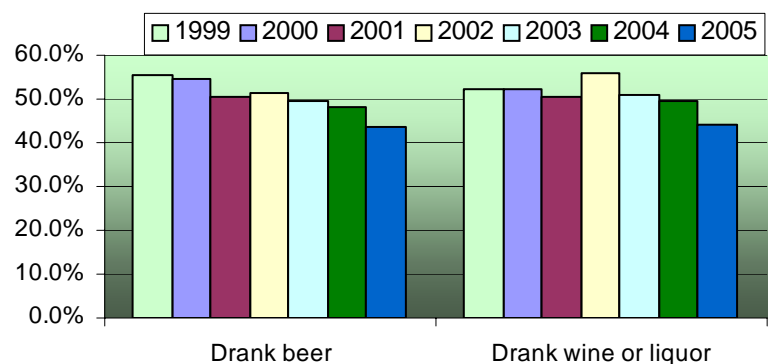
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS (Miles)



CONCERN ABOUT ABILITY TO FINANCE COLLEGE

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
None	25.2%	28.2%	29.4%	28.2%	26.9%	28.4%
Some concern	63.2%	60.6%	61.3%	62.6%	60.8%	61.5%
Major concern	11.6%	11.2%	9.3%	9.2%	12.2%	10.1%

ALCOHOL RELATED ACTIVITIES



MENTAL HEALTH RELATED RESULTS

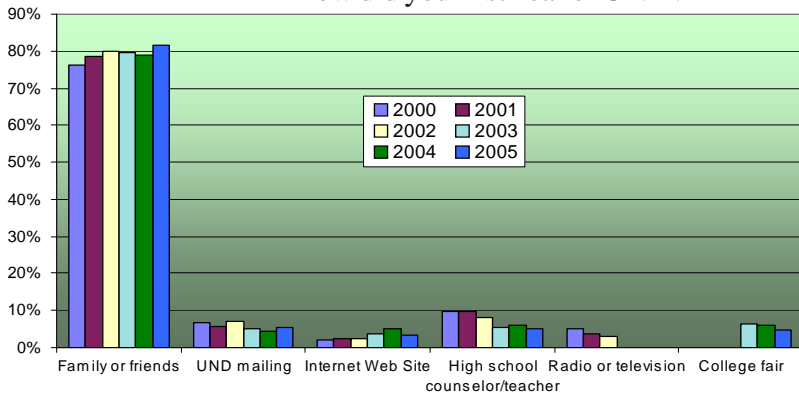
	2003		2004		2005	
	UND	Natl	UND	Natl	UND	Natl
<b>Feel Overwhelmed by all I have to do</b>						
Male	8.8%	14.7%	8.6%	14.9%	8.6%	15.0%
Female	26.2%	35.1%	24.5%	34.6%	25.9%	35.6%
<b>Felt Depressed</b>						
Male	1.9%	5.1%	1.9%	4.9%	1.6%	4.9%
Female	3.7%	8.7%	4.3%	7.9%	5.1%	7.5%

\*Percent reporting frequently only

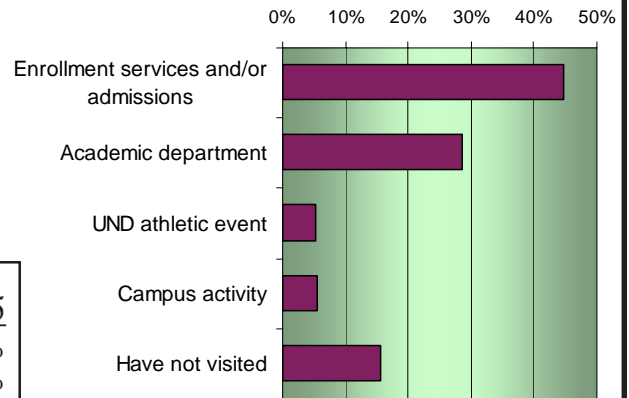
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## 2005 CIRP Local Questions Results

How did you first hear of UND?



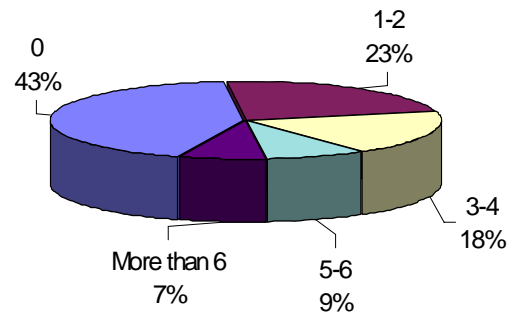
What UND offices/events have you visited/attended?



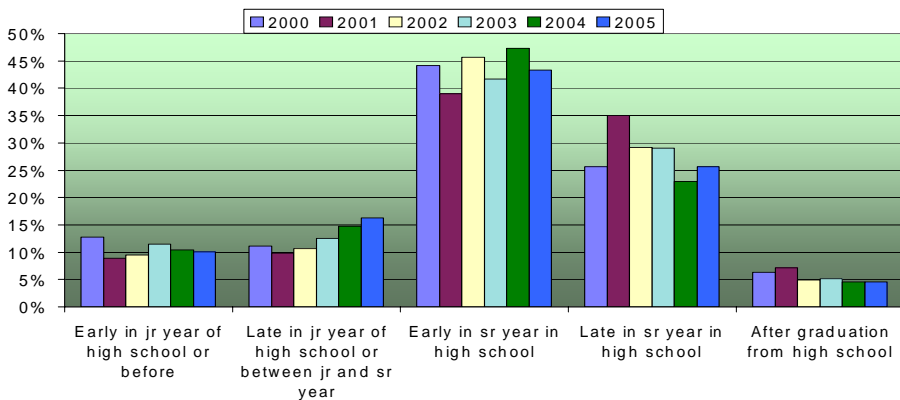
When did you first consider UND?

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Freshman year or before	17%	19%	19%	20%
Sophomore year	12%	15%	16%	16%
Junior year	35%	35%	35%	36%
Senior year	34%	29%	28%	26%
After high school graduation	2%	2%	2%	2%

How many other schools did you visit when making your college decision?

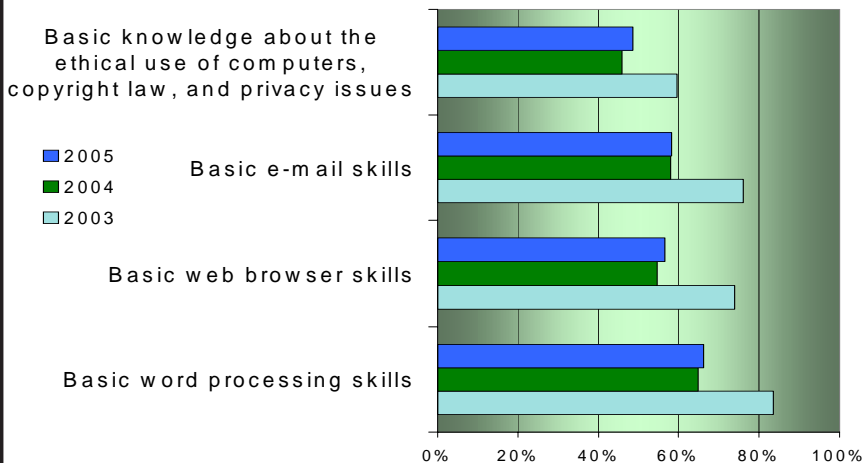


When did you finalize your decision to attend UND?

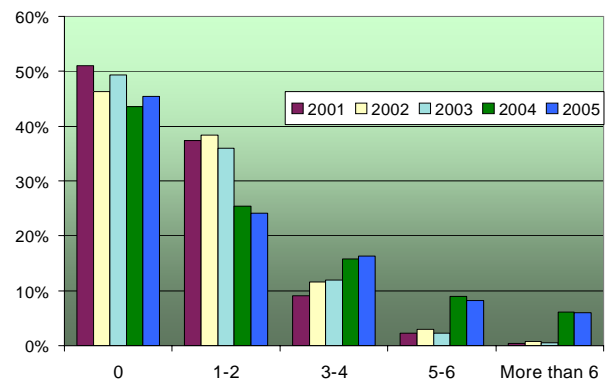


Compared to your high school classmates, please rate your basic computer skills in:

(Chart reflects those rating selves at "above average" or "outstanding")



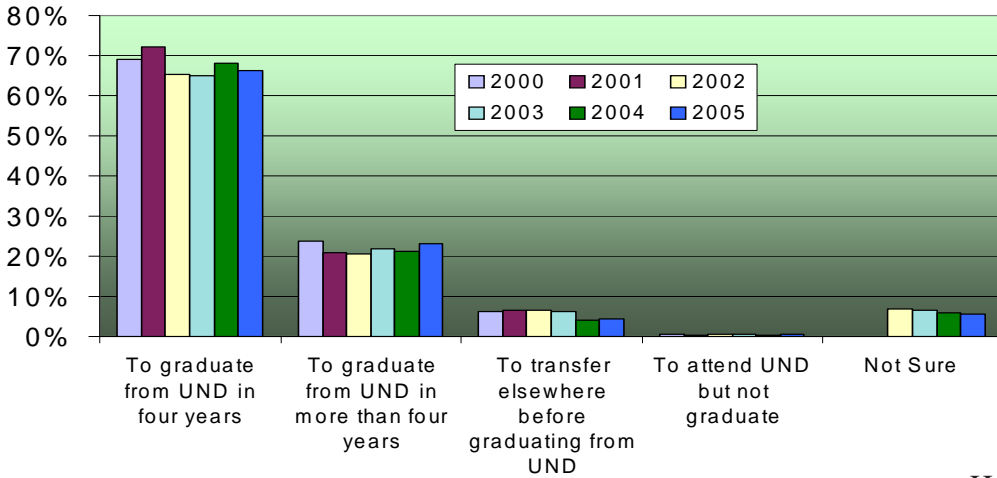
To how many other schools were you accepted?



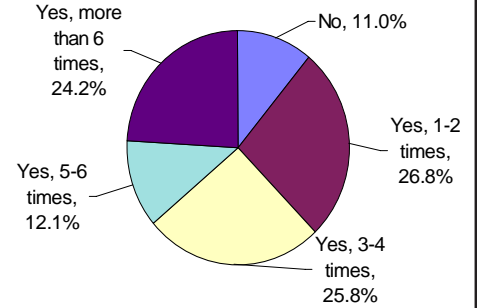
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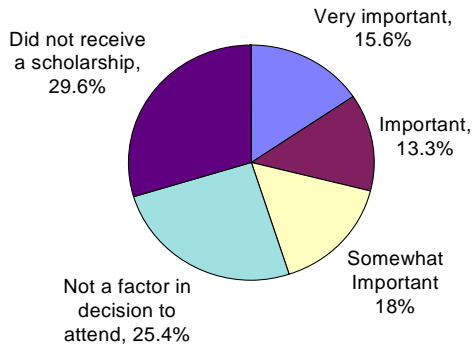
What are your educational plans at UND?



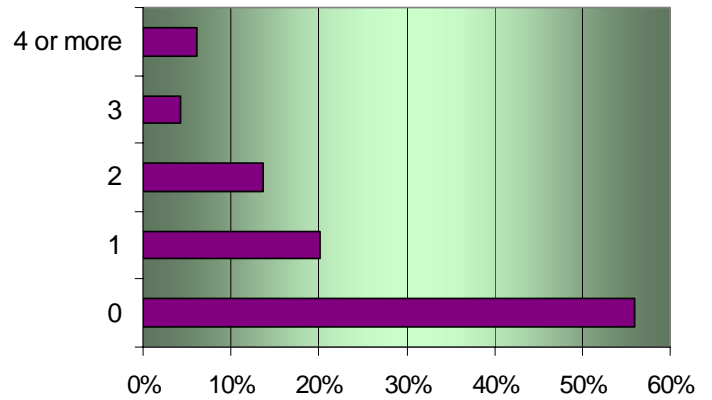
Did you access UND's Website to gain information regarding UND?



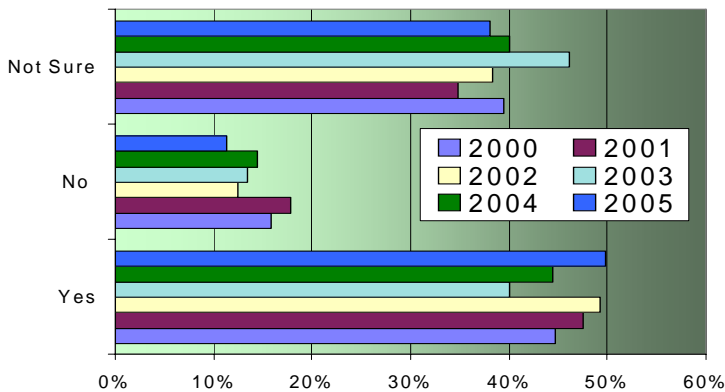
How important was receiving a scholarship in deciding to enroll at UND?



How many other schools made scholarship offers to you?



After college, do you think there will be job opportunities for you in your area of interest in ND?



After college, if an in-state job were available in your area of interest, would you want employment in ND?

